

NEXT TOWN ASSEMBLY

VILLAGE OF ARDEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2002
7:30 P.M.
ARDEN GILD HALL

AGENDA

- * Nomination for Village Committees
- * Avery Task Force – Arden's Sherwood Forest is threatened by the proposed Avery sub-development. To save Sherwood Forest, we are working to either (1) acquire the 5-acre Avery plot, or (2) to ensure that every building code designed to protect natural resources is activated should development proceed.
- * Committee Reports in reverse order

Public town meeting. All are welcome
Please note: Those attending town meeting are eligible to
Vote after six consecutive months as an Arden resident
Prior to the meeting and are 18 years old or older.

**Town Assembly for the Village of Arden
Monday, September 24, 2001
Gild Hall – Arden, Delaware**

Frank Akutowicz
Lou Bean
Ruth Bean
Beverly Barnett
Jeffrey Blitis
Alton Dahl
Ann Barnett-Dahl
Chris Demsey
Joan Fitzgerald
Jane Frantz
Gail Hagger
Barbara Henry
Don Holcomb
Rodney Jester

Deborah Kenney
June Kleban
Lynda Kolski
Eliot Levin
Mary Marconi
Steven Mumford
Lisa Mullinax
Cookie Ohlson
John Olney
Betty O'Regan
Denis O'Regan
Bill Press
Pete Renzetti
Liz Resko

Gail Reinhart
Hugh Roberts
Ed Rohrbach
Rick Grier-Reynolds
Sue Rothrock
Johanne Schroeder
Danny Schweers
Sadie Somerville
Jeffery Sexton
Steve Tanzer
Elizabeth Varley
Larry Walker
Laura Wallace
Jan Westerhouse
Tom Wheeler

1. **Meeting called to order:** The Town Assembly Chairperson, Bill Press, called the meeting to order. Bill commented:
That prior to our last meeting in September, Arden had recently celebrated its 100th year birthday and up until then and still now, everything was fine and will be fine. But since that meeting something happened here in our country that gives us reason to stop and think. To stop and think how fortunate we are to be in a country where we are free to continue the way we want to. In the 100 years Arden has been in operation, we have gone through some big events, two world wars, 3 or 4 economic rescissions, and other world events. Arden with its system of single tax and government run by committees has held out gratefully and has done a very fine job of it and certainly would be an example for any group that wants to look at something different. I think that as we start our meeting, we should make recognition of what happened in New York and hope that something like this does not happen again. I don't know what we can do about it because it certainly was a blow to us. But, let us consider ourselves very fortunate that we are in a country where we can continue our own government and I don't want to say where no one complains! I think we have done very well, if we stop here for a minute I think it would be appropriate.

2. **Guests:** Ron Morris was present on behalf of County Executive Tom Gordon to present the Village of Arden with a check in the amount of \$10,000 for general enhancements. Checks were also given to the two other villages.

3. **Announcements:** Long time residents Leon Tanzer and Edmond Hurlong passed away since our last meeting. Both contributed a lot to the Village and will be greatly missed.

4. **Correspondence:** Below is a letter from Wayne Smith concerning sex offenders living in a neighborhood. Also included is a copy of Megan's Law Fact Sheet.

WAYNE A. SMITH
Majority Leader
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Seventh District



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF DELAWARE
LEGISLATIVE HALL
DOVER, DELAWARE 19901

COMMITTEES
House Administration, Chair
Ethics, Chair
House Rules
Legislative Council

August 3, 2001

Bill Press, Chairman
Village of Arden
1809 Harvey Rd.
Arden, DE 19810

Dear Bill:

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you, as a civic association president or town official, with what I believe an important source of information for the safety of residents - particularly children - within our community. You may or may not be aware that information concerning convicted sex offenders living in our community is available on the Internet.

The Sex Offender Registry is a service of the Delaware State Police's State Bureau of Investigation. The web site address is www.state.de.us/dsp/scxoff. Once connected to the Sex Offender Registry you can access important information by clicking on "search our data base." You will then be able to find out where convicted sex offenders are living as well as other important information. You can search by last name, development, city, or zip code. By typing in just a zip code you will see listed the first and last name, development and risk assessment of every sex offender residing within that zip code. If you click on a specific name it will bring up their picture, a physical description, their address and their sex offense convictions.

Correspondence continued:

Each sexual offense is classified into one of three tiers of risk. I have attached a breakout of the offenses that fall under the three risk tiers and what community notification is required for those risk assessment categories under Megan's Law.

As you will see on the attached sheet, community notification is made for offenders deemed to be in the highest risk category. Those in the medium risk category are made known to organizations that serve children, such as schools. Those offenders deemed to be low risk are noted by local law enforcement agencies.

This is a difficult issue to deal with and I am mindful that neighbors may have varying reactions to the presence of offenders in local neighborhoods or the larger community. With the passage of Megan's Law, the General Assembly adopted the policy that the whereabouts of these offenders should be made known. The web site data base is our primary public dissemination tool to provide that information to the public. As a civic association or town official, I wanted to make sure that you were aware of the existence of this tool and could have the opportunity to make its availability known to your larger community.

If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to this information, please do not hesitate to contact my aide, Pam Price or me at 577-8704.

Sincerely,



Wayne A. Smith
House Majority Leader
7th District Representative

WAS/jm

Correspondence continued:

Megan's Law Fact Sheet

Community Notification of Sex offender Release

Tier III - "High Risk": Any sex offender convicted or adjudicated delinquent of Rape in the First or Second Degree, Unlawful Sexual Contact in the First Degree, Unlawful Sexual Intercourse in the First or Second Degree, Unlawful Sexual Penetration in the First or Second Degree, Unlawful Sexual Contact in the First Degree, Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child, Sexual Exploitation of a Child, or Kidnapping in the First or Second Degree if the purpose of the crime was to facilitate the commission of any of any offense which comes under the definition of Sex Offender.

Notification Requirement for Tier III: In addition to law enforcement notification and a community notification, notification shall be conducted by door-to-door appearances or by mail or by other methods devised specifically to notify members of the public likely to encounter the offender. Community notification should be targeted to a defined community and may include a photograph of the offender if deemed appropriate by the notifying agency.

Tier II - "Medium Risk": Any sex offender convicted or adjudicated delinquent of Rape in the Third Degree or fourth degree, Unlawful Sexual Contact in the Second Degree, Unlawful Sexual Intercourse in the Third Degree, Unlawful Sexual Penetration in the Third Degree, Sexual Extortion, Bestiality, Dangerous Crime Against a Child, Unlawfully Dealing in Child Pornography, Sexual Solicitation of a Child.

Notification Requirement for Tier II: In addition to law enforcement notification, there shall be a Community Organization Alert, which may include a photograph of the offender. In order to be a community organization entitled to Tier II notification, such organizations must register with the local law enforcement agency or where the community has no local law enforcement agency, with the Superintendent of State Police. Organizations may only be included on the notification list if they operate an establishment where children gather under their care or where women are cared for.

Tier I - "Low Risk": Any Sex Offender not otherwise Designated to Risk Assessment Tier II or III.

Notification for Tier I: Notification to all law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction over the area where the offender intends to reside.

5. Minutes from last meeting: Approved

6. New Residents: none at this meeting.

7. Trustees' Report:

To: Village of Arden Town Assembly

Re: Trustees' Report

Date: September 24, 2001

1. The Local School District and New Castle County Property taxes will be paid later this week. The total financial obligation for the Village this year is \$209,030.05 on an assess value of \$14,213,300. The assessed value on leasehold land remains constant at \$3,955,400 while the assessed value on improvements rose \$26,700.00 to \$10,257,900. A reminder that the municipal lands, our commons and forests, are not taxed because they are registered as municipal park land which is not taxable. There were three key factors influencing the increase on the improvements aspect. First of course is the Brandywine School District referendum last spring. Also, several residents have engaged in construction projects throughout the year, adding value to their leaseholds. Finally, while the number of over 65 exemptions claimed by our residents has remained fairly constant over the recent years, there are 3 fewer this year. As a result of these various issues, taxes for the year are about \$6,300 more than last year. With a total tax rate of 1.4708 per \$100 of assessed value, the specific tax obligation breaks down as follows:

New Castle Property Taxes:

Local School District Taxes:

Rebates (sr. citizen and disability)

\$ 54,222.93

\$141,610.09

\$ 13,197.03

2. There has been some progress in the Buckingham Green lawsuit. The defending parties keep trying to get out of the situation, denying responsibility for the problem. We are refusing to agree to that request. At this point, our lawyer has made oral arguments and provided appropriate documentation to the judge in Chancery Court who is in the process of deciding whether the case will go forward or not.
3. We have reaffirmed our position on the pre-zoning, non-conforming domicile stance that we put forward to the Village in a draft format in June. Letters will be sent to the relevant leaseholders this fall.

4. We have made a decision to support the appraisal recommendations of the Community Planning committee as it relates to the Avery property that abuts our Village along Sherwood Forest and the Milligan and Stevenson leaseholds. The specific information is part of the Community Planning committee report to be presented later in this meeting.
5. We have accepted an offer by the State Department of Agriculture to have a survey done of small selected areas of tree growth to assess the prevalence of gypsy moths within the Village boundaries. This survey is available at no cost and does not commit us to anything. Once we have a sense of whether gypsy moth infestation is a problem for us or not, the Village may have the option of entering a cost sharing spraying program in the spring. The bottom line is that this seemed like a good opportunity for us to assess the potential problem without any strings attached.
6. I informed Marianne and Aaron in June that I would be giving up the Trustee position effective December 31st. This step is a direct result of increasing professional opportunities and responsibilities that are requiring significant increases of my time and energy. Certainly I wish to thank the Village for giving me the opportunity to serve as a Trustee. It has been a truly interesting role to play for the past 14 years and, for the most part, quite fun. It is with some sadness that I tender my resignation. Needless to say, we have had preliminary discussions on the process for securing a replacement. You can expect further communication throughout the coming months.
7. Finally, the quarterly financial report on the entrance table is to be considered part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Reinhart

Bill Press stated it was quite a report and with one sentence it was shock. Gail has done an exceptional job as a Trustee. Alton Dahl moved we accept the Trustee's Report with a round of applause.

Report Approved

Trustees' report continued:

Village of Arden

Receipts and Bank Balances March 25, 2001 to August 31, 2001

Balance in Bank March 25, 2001	14,814.00
Receipts:	
Grants	0.00
Interest & Dividends	117.91
Land Rent	
Past Fiscal Year(s)	559.35
Present Fiscal Year	150,491.42
Future Fiscal Year(s)	649.01
Meadow Lane Access Rent	310.84
Memorial Garden Donations	1,120.00
Miscellaneous	3,212.06
Rights of Way:	
Cable TV	0.00
Roads	0.00
United Water Antenna Agreement	0.00
SUBTOTAL Receipts	162,460.59
Redeemed Investments	0.00
New Investments	100,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	62,460.59
Receipts & Starting Bank Balance	77,274.59
Expenditures Against Budget	61,598.58
Balance in Bank as of August 31, 2001	15,676.01

NOTE: Investment Position

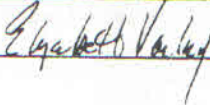
Arden Building and Loan	109,170.25
Vanguard Money Market	323,217.29
Other	0.00
TOTAL Investment Position	432,387.54

Signatures

Trustee



Admin. Assist.



Trustees' Report continued:

Village of Arden - Expenditures Against Budget March 25, 2001 to August 31, 2001

Budget Item	Budgeted Amount	Expenditures F.Y. to Date	Expenditures Since Last Report
Committees:			
Archives	3,960.00	728.00	364.00
Buzz Ware Village Center	1,000.00	114.68	56.79
Buzz Ware VC: Renovations	12,500.00	0.00	0.00
Centennial Celebration	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Civic Commons & Forests	19,000.00	7,490.80	6,028.88
Civic: Roads	16,000.00	0.00	0.00
Civic: Special Clean-up	2,000.00	956.27	873.67
Civic: Trash Collection	39,000.00	15,386.12	9,142.26
Community Planning	1,500.00	75.00	0.00
Legislative Reference	50.00	0.00	0.00
Playground	1,750.00	360.00	360.00
Playground Equipment	2,300.00	2,208.00	0.00
Registration	3,500.00	821.38	500.33
Safety: General	1,000.00	112.10	44.84
Safety: Town Watch Coordinator	2,268.00	945.00	567.00
Salaries:			
Assembly Secretary	5,750.00	2,193.35	1,316.01
Bookkeeping Services	2,320.00	884.95	530.97
Other Line Items			
Board of Assessors	50.00	0.00	0.00
Donations: ACRA	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Donations: Arden Library	450.00	450.00	450.00
Donations: Arden Page	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Donations: Fire Companies	950.00	950.00	950.00
Gild Hall Rental	800.00	800.00	800.00
Telephone	275.00	80.62	30.85
Contingencies	2,000.00	253.50	253.50
Items Not Subject to Referenda:			
Memorial Garden Fund	N/A	986.97	257.35
BWVC: Grants		0.00	0.00
Civic: Grants	(a) 2,895.00	0.00	0.00
Com. Plan.: Grants	(b) 1,059.56	0.00	0.00
NCC Pass-thru Grant	(c) 7,272.69	0.00	0.00
Taxes: New Castle Co. Property	60,000.00	39.95	0.00
Taxes: School	164,000.00	82.32	0.00
Administrative: Auditing	4,100.00	4,470.00	4,470.00
Administrative: Insurance	6,500.00	5,829.00	5,440.00
Administrative: Legal	10,000.00	4,896.30	3,087.50
Administrative: Office Rent	2,100.00	875.00	525.00
Administrative: Operations/Fees	6,500.00	2,977.06	704.15
Administrative: Payroll Taxes	1,600.00	1,344.66	798.22
Administrative: Salary Ad. Asst.	9,084.00	3,785.00	2,271.00
Less Accrued Taxes		(747.45)	447.43
TOTAL	396,804.25	61,598.58	41,624.89

Notes:

(a) Deferred Revenue (Audit '00-01):
1998 Bond Bill One-Time-Aid to Local
Governments \$2,895.00

(b) Deferred Revenue (Audit '00-01):
Traffic Calming 97-P-Prog-117 \$993.29
Urban Forestry III \$66.27

(c) Deferred Revenue (Audit '00-01):
NCC Pass-Thru Grant I \$2,272.69
NCC Pass-Thru Grant II \$5,000.00

8. **Playground Committee:** Election of Steve Harcourt was approved for committee through 2003.

9. **Town Budget:**

Notes to FY 2002 - 2003 Proposed Budget
Arden Town Assembly
September 24, 2001

1) Property Taxes:

- (a) **County Taxes:** Represents a 1% yearly increase.
- (b) **School Taxes:** Represents a 28% increase over a 4-year period. Increase approved in the Brandywine School District's referendum on May 31, 2001.

2) Trustees Administration - Increase due to increase in Legal & Audit lines.

3) Archives/Buzz Ware Village Center - Increase of \$1000 for Archives from their budget forecast because full year's rent needed for Archives space in BWVC since Craft Shop will not be ready. Similar amount deleted from BWVC budget request.

4) Grants - State of Delaware - \$750 grant from Delaware Division of the Arts for BWVC Centennial Exhibit & \$2127 New Castle County Pass-Thru I grant for Harvey Road.

5) Safety Committee - Harvey Rd. Speed Limit Enforcement Patrols: cooperative project with Ardentown & Ardencroft to hire New Castle County off-duty police officers to enforce "Drive 25".

6) Town Expenses - Salaries - Secretary salary \$5,424 plus \$508 for payroll taxes. Bookkeeper salary \$2,198 plus \$208 for payroll taxes.

7) Town Administrative Expenses - New line item was added to more accurately reflect what the Town expenses are for mailing, supplies, equipment, fees, dues, etc. \$2,400 of this line was previously under the Registration Committee's budget.

8) Town Telephone - Incorporated under Town Administrative Expenses starting in 2002-2003.

9) Donations - Fire Companies - Claymont Fire Co. \$850, Talleyville Fire Co. \$150 and Brandywine Hundred Fire Co. \$150.

PROJECTED BUDGET (FY 2002 - 2003)

	NOTES	(2002-2003)	(2001-2002)	(2000-2001)
INCOME				
Land Rent		323,000	\$ 351,000	\$ 348,881
Delaware Municipal Street Aid		20,000	20,000	24,725
Interest and Other Income		41,000	40,000	66,594
SUB-TOTAL - INCOME		\$ 384,000	\$ 411,000	\$ 440,200
Reserve		180,666	158,413	150,300
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		\$ 564,666	\$ 569,413	\$ 590,500
EXPENSES:				
NON-BUDGET EXPENSES				
Property Taxes:				
County	1a	57,839	58,782	\$ 58,700
School	1b	164,550	152,248	145,006
Trustees Administration	2	45,260	39,884	48,748
Craft Shop				25,000
Centennial Celebration				
State Grant for Roads to Civic Committee		10,000	10,000	20,038
Delaware Municipal Street Aid - Roads		20,000	20,000	16,724
SUB-TOTAL NON-BUDGET EXPENSES		\$ 297,749	\$ 278,314	\$ 313,216
BUDGET EXPENSES				
		PROPOSED BUDGET for Referendum	APPROPRIATED	ACTUAL
Acquisition Committee/Craft Shop				\$ 2,000
Advisory		375		
Archives	3	4,000	3,980	3,041
Board of Assessors		50	59	
Buzz Ware Village Center	3	1,000	1,000	1,000
Buzz Ware Village - Renovation Project		6,000	12,900	6,000
Civic Committee:				
Roads		16,000	16,000	14,215
Commons & Forests		20,000	19,000	15,979
Trash Collection		39,000	39,000	37,520
Special Clean - up		1,500	2,000	92
Community Planning:		1,000	1,500	282
Avery Task Force		2,000		
Grants - State of Delaware	4			2,873
Legislative Reference		50	50	
Playground		1,800	1,750	1,700
Equipment			2,300	3,500
Registration		1,200	3,500	2,550
Safety - General		1,000	1,000	249
Town Watch Coordinator Fees		2,268	2,268	2,268
Harvey Rd. Speed Limit Enforcement	5	2,000		
Town Expenses				
Salaries:	6			
Secretary		5,932	5,750	5,031
Bookkeeping -Town		2,402	2,320	2,064
Town Administrative Expenses	7	3,325		
Town Telephone	8		275	189
Donations:				
ACRA		1,300	1,000	700
Arden Page		1,300	1,250	1,150
Arden Library		500	450	450
Fire Companies	9	950	950	660
Gild Hall Rental		850	800	800
Centennial Celebration			1,000	11,131
Fireproof File Cabinet: town secretary's records				865
Contingencies		2,000	2,000	952
SUB- TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES		\$ 117,802	\$ 121,893	\$ 117,275
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 415,551	\$ 400,207	\$ 430,491

See accompanying notes to Proposed Budget FY 2002 - 2003. Referendum in October 2001.

Budget continued:

Town Watch Budget line item of \$2268. The Safety Committee advised the three villages are in the process of combining the efforts of the town watch. Budgeted item remains the same.

Motion: Alton Dahl moved we accept the budget for vote.

Seconded

Approved for Referendum.

10. Civic Committee moved to re-establish the Forest hours from dusk to dawn.

Motion: Elizabeth Varley moved we renew the closing of the woodland from dusk to dawn for one more year.

Seconded.

Approved.

11. Advisory: No report

12. Archives Report:

Arden Archives September 12, 2001

The Philadelphia Sketch Club is doing a Thomas Eakins show in conjunction with the Philadelphia Art Museum exhibition on Eakins.

Archives is loaning two busts done by Frank **Stephens**. One of Marcus Aurelius Renzetti and the other is an unknown portrait Frank did in 1884. "Thanks to Linda Eaton who is helping with conservation"

The Philadelphia Sketch Club is located on Camac St. and the show will be held from October 21-November 18

George Thomas' show "The Architecture of Will Price" is currently at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC until March 24.

All Ardenites are invited to a Grubb Family reunion on Saturday September 22 at noon. They will gather at the Grubb cemetery next to the memorial garden, to dedicate a plaque to their family history. In 1677, John Grubb came from Cornwall, England to settle on the Delaware River at "Grubbs Landing". In 1707, John purchased the land that is now Arden for his son John Jr. and the Grubb family farmed this area for the next 230 years. SO join Archives and members of the Grubb family for this celebration and there will be a reception afterward at the BWVC, where documents relative to their family will be displayed.

Rose Valley is celebrating its centennial with a wonderful lecture series at the Hedgerow Theater in Rose valley at 8pm cost \$10 per lecture

Archives continued:

The lectures are

October 3- Utopia or Suburbia: Arden Then and Now by Mark Taylor

October 17—The Golden Age of American Illustration, Mary Cronin

November 24—a presentation of Will Price's play "The Artsman"

December 5- Rose Valley: Living the Experiment, Morris Potter

Mary Woods and Marvin Balick recently took a walking **tour of Arden** arranged by Pat Philips with Sally Hamburger. Balick wrote a book on American Architecture at the turn of the century.

Oral history **continues** the tapes that have been done are being transcribed. If anyone is interested in doing an oral history contact Sally Hamburger. Archives has a list of questions to ask as a guideline and format for interviewing.

Danny Schweers is working on the computer system needed for Archives to inventory its collection and to have easier access to information and ability to search for specific items with the software package "Past Perfect" that many small museums are using.

Respectfully submitted,
Sadie Somerville

Report Approved

13. Arden Craft Shop: Mark Taylor was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Alton Dahl reported the principle activity of the Arden Craft Shop Museum Corporation of the last quarter has been the hiring of an architect. Samuel Harris has been selected.

14. Assessors: No report (Final report was given in June 2001)

15. Audit: No report

16. Budget: Report under special agenda items.

17. Buzz Ware:

BWVC Committee Report

1. Budget Reconciliation:

- a. *: this is an estimation; actual interest is not computed until June 30th
- b. ~: this figure does not reflect the fact that Ardentown's and their trustees' contributions come to a total of \$1000.00/year.
- c. ~: this is a combination of grant money and insurance reimbursement for fire damage expenses.
- d. Overall: we did better than expected for donations and BWVC activities; our rentals were not as high as projected. Our utilities came in slightly under the forecast. It especially paid off to have the plumbing maintained: a reduction of almost ½ in our water consumption. We did spend more than projected in improvements due to the new flooring in all the rooms, but that was a one- time opportunity on which we had to act promptly. Both our bank accounts are currently in good standing.

2. Contracts/Rentals/Events:

- a. The ACRA summer camp had a good session this year, culminating in their illustrious production at the Moonlight Theatre (even with technical difficulties!) and the colorful display of artwork that bedecked the shelves and display cabinet in the Buzz Ware.
- b. A fond farewell party was held for Tim and Lanier Colgan and their children who are off to new adventures in Florida. It was quite fitting to have such a large gathering standing on the new flooring in rooms 1 and 2: a tribute to all of Tim's hard work while on the BWVC Committee.
- c. We had a "first" on Arden Fair Day: The BWVC was open to the public and what a grand day it was — for all the Fair participants. The gorgeous weather allowed for all the windows and doors to be open and people wandered through the building viewing our September art exhibit and also the sneak preview of some items that will be up for auction in November. The fair goers were very respectful of those areas off limits and the bathroom facilities held up to the task of so many people in and out during the day. So we consider it quite a success to have opened the building and will plan to do so for future fairs.
- d. The YMCA continues its contract with us for their before and after school programs; their kindergarten program is slightly revamped but they are still renting rooms 1 and 2 the entire day, Monday through Friday. We have been pleased over the past year at how well their programs have worked with our need for flexibility in the use of the building and we welcome them back for another year.

- e. Some of the summer rentals included several workshops, the Tai Chi class and private parties. The ASHI group continues to rent from us on an ongoing basis as well as the International Stagehands Assoc. There is a children's art class scheduled for Saturdays, beginning in October; there is an informational poster and registration sheets in Rooms 3 and 4 at the Buzz Ware.
3. **Grant:** We have received a \$2000.00 grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts. This money will be used to purchase display panels and to finish up the track lighting in Room3: additions which will greatly enhance the room's use for art exhibits. We are reserving the 3rd Saturday/Sunday of each month for our monthly art exhibits. If any artists are interested in exhibiting their work, either for profit or simply for show, please contact Betty O'Regan for scheduling. Also keep in mind our lockable, glass enclosed display case is available as exhibit space. You can currently view an array of but a few of the items that will be auctioned off at the BWVC auction.
4. **Auction:** The big day of November 3rd is drawing closer and things are abuzzin' for the Buzz. We are still accepting donations of items and services for the November 3rd event. We are also looking for sponsors to help cover the cost of overhead expenses. So when members of our committee call to ask for your help, either with donations or for volunteering, please remember this is for YOUR community center. And to pique your curiosity, here's a list of just some of the items that will be auctioned off (Attached). Attendance of truly interested bidding participants is crucial to the success of this auction; so please invite those you think would be interested, both in our community and outside. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the Page and flyers throughout your local area... and we'll see you the night of November 3rd.
5. **Other BWVC upcoming activities:**
- a. **The Buzz Coffee House Is back!** Please note, for the month of October, the Coffee House will be on the 3rd Friday (Oct. 19th) instead of the 2nd Friday. We will resume with the 2nd Friday of every month in November. So, re-tune the strings on that guitar you haven't played all summer or brush the dust off that book of poems, short stories, whatever, and come share a little entertainment.
- b. **Sunday, October 28th at 2PM: Giant Pumpkin Carving** - Team up with your friends and neighbors and whittle away the hours crafting your Halloween design in one of our giant pumpkins (teams of at least four person per pumpkin). Call 475-2407 to reserve a spot for your team: "first come, first served". If you prefer a smaller, more individual carving, bring your own pumpkin to carve and take home with you. The giant pumpkins will be on display Halloween night during trick-r-treaters' open house at the BWVC.

So come join in the work and the festivities that make the Buzz Ware YOUR place of community.

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Archer
BWVC Chair

Buzz Ware continued:

**Buzz Ware Village Center
The Highway
Arden, DE 19810**

The Buzz Ware Village Center depends on two sources of funding to meet annual obligations.

1. The BWVC Operating Budget, a separate account, controls the revenues and associated expenditures relating to the daily operation and maintenance of the Center.
2. The Town Assembly budget provides for administrative/programming expenses and for town authorized special needs.

BWVC Operating Budget			
		Actual 3/25/00 - 3/24/01	Projection 3/25/01 - 3/24/02
REVENUES			
Interest	Bank Interest - Wilm Trust	\$ 171.05	\$ 175.00
	Bank Interest - ADML*	\$ 690.20	\$ 700.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 861.25	\$ 875.00
Misc. Income:	BWVC activities	\$ 1,635.04	\$ 1,700.00
	Donation, Ardenovell	\$ 1000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Donation, Ardentown**	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Donations, other	\$ 1863.00	\$ 2000.00
	Grant/Other***	\$ 7,226.00	\$ 12,000.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 12,224.04	\$ 17,700.00
Annual Fees:	Archives	\$ 2,184.00	\$ 2,184.00
	YMCA	\$ 12,023.00	\$ 12,023.00
	Other rentals	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Staffhands	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
	Subtotal:	\$ 15,637.00	\$ 16,482.00
TOTAL INCOMES:		\$ 28,724.29	\$ 35,059.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
Admin/Program.		\$ 2,632.89	\$ 358.00
Maintenance & Supplies		\$ 13,424.97	\$ 13,812.00
Payroll			
Wages, Gross		\$ 3,045.00	\$ 0.00
	Payroll Taxes Expense	\$ 232.96	\$ 0.00
	Employee Achieve...	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Small Equip/Improve.		\$ 5,750.73	\$ 15,000.00
	Utilities		
	Electricity	\$ 1910.60	\$ 2,100.00
Oil		\$ 3,049.64	\$ 3,100.00
	Phone	\$ 408.18	\$ 400.00
	Water	\$ 347.17	\$ 350.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		\$ 36,802.14	\$ 34,112.00
	Year Profit:	\$ -3077.85	\$ -47.00

Money Market acct. bal.: \$9,319.77

TOWN ASSEMBLY BUDGET		
	3/25/00 - 3/24/01	3/25/01 - 3/24/02
Admin/Programming	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Restoration Projects	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00

Buzz Ware continued:

BWVC Auction Items

Some of the items we have to date:

A weekend getaway in Eagles Mere, PA
Quilt made by the ACRA kids
A sailboat
Pet sitting services and basket of pet goodies by Bea O'Regan
Babysitting services by Ruth Bean
Blue Rocks tickets and t-shirts
People and pet massages by Ronnie Yaskin
A china closet
Historic tour of Arden with the Hamburgers, including wine & cheese reception, & dinner at Gild Hall
Needlepoint canvases
A new room-size hooked rug
Handmade quilt and pillows from Leslie Holden
A silver necklace by Helga Melton
Nancy King tapestry
Quilting frame
Original coffee set by _____
An original piece of Joanne Schroeder's artwork
A Rick Rothrock vase
Two hours of computer instruction
A Marguerite Archer original framed embroidery piece
Textile and fabric consultation by Linda Eaton
30 Balloon animals by Scott Davidson for your next party
Hand drum lessons also by Scott Davidson
A year of web hosting, including your own web site, domain name & consulting from Larry Strange
Noritake dinner service for 12
Home portrait by Roberta Perkins
Guitar lessons with Judith Kay
Dog grooming by Mandy Tocco

There are many more items coming in, including more than 40 pieces of original artwork by Arden artists. Do your Christmas shopping early!!!

18. Civic Committee report:

The following are various issues and items that have been addressed since last town assembly:

1. To further deter dumping, an additional 100' of fencing was completed along Millers near Marsh.
2. This summer one of ACRA's community projects consisted of labeling storm water drains with a small circle that warns against dumping contaminants because water drains to rivers. The materials were provided by the state free of charge and Elaine Schmerling headed the project.
3. An accident during the ACRA summer session gave us reason to reconsider the cement form in front of BWVC. This is the outline of a sandbox which is no longer in use. It was decided that the easiest way to deal with it would be to get a load of topsoil to cover it then seed the area.
4. The forsythia's were removed along the side of BWVC. This was part of the Sherwood planting plan and will facilitate access to that side of the building for maintenance. The remaining roots will be removed shortly.
5. In regard to the Sherwood planting plan - continued work will begin again in the spring. Donations for trees in any amount would be appreciated - It does not have to cover the full cost of the purchase.
6. The birch near the entrance of BWVC is in decline due to infestation of beetle borers. Unfortunately this will necessitate removal.
7. You may have seen the orange markings on the roads. Repair work has begun - Please be aware and cautious in those areas.
8. The state funding that is utilized for road repairs has been made available - the amount is \$12,000.00. This is earmarked for the Millers Road & Walnut intersection reconfiguration. Civic will try to get some idea from Downing what the time frame is for this project and advise those in the area to allow alternate routes for travel.
9. It was recently brought to Civics' attention that the tree the lights are fastened to in the field theater is termite ridden at the base. A treated pole is the probable answer for more practical and long-term use.
10. The hollow tree at Indian circle has been cemented over. Metal reinforcement rods were installed first - then a tinted, fibrous cement product was applied over this to completely eliminate access to the inside of the tree.
11. Speedbumps were designated with the yellow X and lines were provided in BWVC parking lot to allow for more effective use of space.
12. Signs will be ordered to attempt to correct two issues:
 - one will read - "No Motorized Vehicles Allowed" this is in response to motorcycles, which have been seen in Sherwood Forest and on the path to Indian circle.
 - A sign will be posted at Indian circle which will read "No Fires Without Permission of Civic Committee"

I regret to have to inform you of my decision to step down from civic at this time. Ken Sutton will be joining the committee. I want to thank all of you in town who helped me muddle through up till now. At this time a new chair has yet to be elected.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Kenney

Approved

19. Registration:

September 24, 2001

Arden Registration Committee
Report to The Town Assembly

1. The annual budget referendum and election of the Board of Assessors will be held next month. All residents who are at least 18 years of age and have lived in the village for 6 months are eligible to vote. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters between Oct. 15 and 18; the ballot count will be conducted on Wednesday, Nov. 7th at 7:30pm in the Buzz Ware Village Center. All residents are invited to observe. Election results will be posted the following day on the bulletin boards, and will also be sent to The Town Assembly Chairman and the Arden Page.
2. For the election of the Board of Assessors, 14 names must be nominated at the meeting tonight. The following residents have agreed to put their names in nomination:

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| 1. Alton Dahl | Added from the floor |
| 2. Carl Falco | 10. Mary Marconi |
| 3. Lynda Kolski | 11. Jeff Polisti |
| 4. Al Marks | 12. Tom Wheeler |
| 5. Peter Renzetti | 13. Steve Tanzer |
| 6. Ed Rohrbach | 14. Bill Theis |
| 7. Ken Sutton | 15. Barney King |
| 8. Steven Threefoot | 16. Jennifer Borders |
| 9. Elizabeth Varley | |

The Registration Committee has a copy of the current list of residents. If you would like to check that your information is up-to-date, please see a member of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia Vore

20. Community Planning:

**Arden Community Planning Report
September 24, 2001**

Memorial Garden

A Grubb family memorial plaque was installed on the stone wall of the Grubb family burial ground and a dedication was held this past Saturday. The original plaque did not mention the Native American or common slave grave there, so the Grubb family has agreed to install a second plaque that acknowledges those graves.

A leak from the pumphouse of the Arden pool has left a large area of dead grass in the Memorial Garden. The pool believes they have fixed the leak and has agreed to reseed the affected area.

Landmark Status

We are still waiting on word about the landmark status. The State Historic Review Board has not yet forwarded the nomination to the federal government, so it will be at least several more months before a decision is reached.

Avery Task Force

The task force is continuing to meet, and there are beginning to be signs of activity on the part of the owner, Marsha Avery, to proceed with getting approvals to begin development of the property. She recently had the abandoned house on the property demolished. She has also applied to the Army Corps of Engineers for a jurisdictional determination, which evaluates the impact of her development plan on waters on the property, specifically Perkins Run. The Army Corps will consider primary impacts, such as dredged or fill material and culverts, as well as secondary impacts, such as removal of vegetation and destruction of a forest. Jeff Stein, who works for the Army Corps, reviewed this process with the task force and possible ways that we might have an impact on the Army Corps' decision. We have filed a request under the Freedom of Information Act to get a complete copy of the file pertaining to this property so that we can address issues in an informed manner. We have invited neighbors in Sherwood Green, Ardentown, Ardencroft, and the Naamans Creek Watershed Association to work with us on this. Depending on how the Corps reviews the application, whether under a nationwide review or an individual review, will determine how we can impact the process. An individual review would include a public review and comment period for adjacent property owners. Jeff believes that once the project is approved by the Army Corps of Engineers, it is basically a done deal.

In the meantime, the task force plans to have an appraisal of the property done, so that we have a realistic idea of what its value is should we be in a position to have a dialogue with Marsha Avery. During our initial conversation with her several years ago, her

Community planning continued:

estimate of the value of the property was radically different from what we estimated the fair market value to be. The cost of the appraisal is estimated to be \$1,500 and should take about a month to complete. Community Planning, Civic and the Trustees have each agreed to pay one third of the cost.

You will notice on the next budget that the task force has asked for its own budget allocation in the next fiscal year. As our activities increase in monitoring this proposed development and we begin dealing with county, state and federal agencies, we are starting to incur various administrative costs, such as the appraisal and the minor costs associated with getting a copy of the file under the Freedom of Information Act. As with any other budgeted item, any money not used would be returned to the village.

On October 16, David Culver of the Land Use Department of New Castle County will be talking to the task force about the county processes, the county code and the UDC as it pertains to the Avery property and what impact we might have at the county level. Anyone who is interested in attending is welcome to join us. It is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the BWVC.

Harvey Road Traffic Calming

DelDot has finally assigned a project engineer to handle the traffic calming design for Harvey Road. Unfortunately, our first meeting with them was scheduled for September 11, so it was canceled. We are in process of rescheduling for sometime in October. At that meeting, we plan to take the DelDot folks on a walking tour of Harvey Road and familiarize them with the Ardens, issues surrounding traffic calming on Harvey Road and the desires of the Ardens.

Lectures

We are looking into sponsoring several lectures on environmental issues, such as forest stewardship and stormwater run-off, over the winter. Details will be in the Page.

Approved

21. **Playground:**

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

During the past three months, the required Playground Inspections were conducted, and all equipment was "adult tested" to ensure safety. Special emphasis was placed on the equipment on the Sherwood Green, because of the Arden Fair and its many visitors to the Town. All equipment is in safe condition.

The final project for the year will be the installation of a new, low maintenance basketball backboard and rim, and these are to replace the metal unit at the north end of the basketball court behind the Buzz Ware Village Center. The present unit is over ten years old, and the rusting areas have been repainted several times. The replacement parts had been ordered, but one item was not shipped. All will be installed as soon as everything is received.

Submitted by
Larry C. Walker
Chairman

Approved

22. **Safety:** Town watch was reviewed under Budget.

23. **Legislative Reference:**

September 24, 2001

The committee was convened on September 18, 2001 and Elizabeth Varley was elected chair. Hays Butler will be scheduling meetings. We discussed the items we wanted to work on over the coming year, and will be starting the indexing of Town Meeting minutes. This project is being undertaken to make it easier to find motions, and other business when we need to refer back to previous action taken by the Town Meeting. Our next meeting is October 1st at the BWVC.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Varley

24. **Old Business:** None

25. **Good and Welfare:**

Special mention of Chris Dempsey listed in the Delaware Today Magazine as one of the Top Lawyers in the state of Delaware.

26. **Motion to adjourn**

Respectfully submitted,


Joan Fitzgerald
Town Secretary

Village of Arden
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Arden, DE 19810

Dated materials enclosed

- Notice of Town Meeting
- Minutes from preceding Town Meeting

ALL ARE WELCOME